

2017 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH INVITATION

All organizations and communities are invited to be part of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth (the GPG). The GPG are held each year in the fall, on or around the United Nations International Day of Peace, September 21. This civil society grassroots event has been held yearly since 2001. It is an opportunity that enables young people all over the world to engage, learn and demonstrate their commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to make the world a better and healthier place, and to express their solidarity in the mission of global friendship, peaceful solutions and nonviolence. It is also an opportunity to show how sport can contribute to the achievement of the Goals.



All sports can participate and adjunct cultural and educational activities are encouraged. The GPG events are locally planned and created but share certain common activities. All registered participants will receive a special message from FIFA/Football for Hope. In addition, all are invited to take the pledge for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence created for UNESCO by winners of the Nobel Peace Prize and to engage in a Handshake for Peace with fellow participants. A Certificate of Participation is prepared for all organizations submitting reports, along with the compiled Global Report on the Games.

Please visit the PSNI Facebook page and website www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org for the reports of the Global Peace Games from 2005 through 2016. See the following pages for detailed instructions for registering, celebrating the Games, and submitting your report.

Register now by sending your registration information to PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International. If you have any questions or need to obtain information in French or Spanish, please contact Play Soccer Nonprofit International at psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org.



REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATE AND REPORT INFORMATION

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1.) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Please email the following registration information to psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org

- Name of Organization Registering
- Country and Location where Games will take place in
- Anticipated Date of Games
- Name of Person Responsible for Registration
- Email address
- Telephone

2.) 2017 CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS: In order to receive a Certificate of Participation and to be included in the 2017 Report, registrants must provide a brief summary and if possible, a few photos of their activity after it is held. A brief one or two paragraph report should be prepared and sent to PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International at the psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org address. It must be **received by December 1, 2017** in order to be included in this year's report. The report should be no more than one page, describing the Games and including the following information:

- the number of children and youth that took part
- where and when the event took place
- identify focus on any specific UN Sustainable Development goal
- the names of other organizations that joined the event
- If possible, please send one or two photos of your event. We cannot include large numbers of photos so please be selective. Please send any videos or YouTube links of the Games for us to post or share on our YouTube Channel.

Please contact us for assistance to answer any questions or to obtain a French or Spanish version of this document.
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INSTRUCTIONS and INFORMATION

GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WHAT ARE THE GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

The Global Peace Games for Children and Youth are an annual event that takes place at the grassroots level in communities in all parts of the world through the initiative of civil society participants.

The Games are locally planned and financed community events. Participation is the most important element and an educational experience related to the themes of the Games. The Games can be a very small inexpensive activity or a larger tournament, depending on the community's resources and interests.

The Games feature friendly sporting events and soccer matches, along with educational presentations, music, art, dance or poetry around themes dedicated to the objectives of the United Nations for peace, nonviolence and human development. The Games seek to develop the leadership skills and individual responsibility of children and youth, and to help them learn how through sport and ordinary daily life actions and decisions, they can make the world a better place for all. They demonstrate the solidarity and commitment that sport can create among children, youth and communities for this purpose.

The themes of the Games support the goals of the United Nations. They educate about and show support for peaceful solutions, and aim to build global friendship and understanding, consistent with the objective of the United Nations International Day of Peace, and the improvement of human life. They support the improvement of health, wellbeing and human life.

WHO CAN TAKE PART IN THE GAMES?

Participation in the Games is free and open to all who wish to take part. Communities, civil society organizations and governments are invited to organize and enjoy the games and events in their own countries and locations, limited only by their own local constraints of financing, organizing and planning capacity. Different organizations can hold multiple Games in the same country at different sites. Participating communities and organizations select their own sites.

WHO IS ORGANIZING THE GAMES?

PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International (PSNI) organizes the Games on a voluntary basis. The Games are not sponsored by the United Nations and are not a commercial event. PSNI is responsible for coordinating with all participating organizations in the coalition and to liaise with the relevant United Nations Offices, FIFA and Football for Hope and other international entities.

At the local level, it is up to the participants to organize the Games. At the international level, PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International (PSNI), a non-governmental, not-for-profit sport for development organization provides the leadership to initiate and organize the Games. PSNI works in strong partnership with other organizations that wish to assist to promote the Games around the world. Any organization that wishes to become part of this effort is invited to join and should contact PSNI at psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org

WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO HOLD THE GAMES?

Each participant plans, organizes and finances its own event according to its own resources. No funding resources are available other than those made available locally from the participating organization(s).

The Games should be kept LOW cost. Resources need not be spent on elaborate events. It does not matter how small or how large the community or how simple the event. The important part is that children and youth gather together for this event and give some thought and expression to the themes of the Games.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE HELD?

The Games should be held in the fall, preferably around September 21st, which is the United Nations International Day of Peace. However, the timing of the Games can be adjusted for local schedules and does not need to be any specific day or month. Communities may plan the events to take place over several days or longer periods if they wish. The Games should be completed by November 15, 2017.

WHAT ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE GAMES?

Participating organizations and communities plan the kinds of games and other activities they want to have for their own event. These should include some educational elements related to the themes of the Games

In order to provide the global link among all sites, there are three (3) activities that are included wherever the Games are held. They are the following:

1) SIGNING THE MANIFESTO for PEACE

All participants are given the opportunity to sign the Manifesto that was drafted for UNESCO by Nobel Peace Laureates. Each community prepares its own copy, in the language of their choice. The Manifesto is a written pledge, as outlined below.

The Manifesto asks each person to make the following pledge:

I pledge in my daily life, in my family, my work, my community, my country and my region to:

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RESPECT ALL LIFE

REJECT ALL VIOLENCE

SHARE WITH OTHERS

LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND

PRESERVE THE PLANET

CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY

2) READING THE SPECIAL MESSAGES

In late August, all participating organizations will be sent a special message from Football for Hope/FIFA. Participants are encouraged to have a youth read the special message at the beginning of the Games.

3) GIVING THE HANDSHAKE OF FRIENDSHIP

All sites are also encouraged to have participants exchange a handshake of friendship, a gesture that can extend the message of global friendship and the culture of peace and non-violence.

WHAT IS THE ACTION PLAN BEFORE AND AFTER THE GAMES?

Each organization should inform PSNI as soon as they decide they will participate in the Games. Registration information should be sent to psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org as soon as possible. This will ensure that sites receive the special messages and any other updates to the Instructions for the Games.

An educational session(s) in advance of the event is helpful to educate participating children and youth about the significance of their participation and to explain the themes of the Games. All are encouraged to think about and ask the question “What does peace mean to me?” and to find ways at the Games to express their thoughts, for example through photos, drawings, discussions, or other presentations, to show how sport can promote peace, tolerance and understanding. Each participating organization is encouraged to focus on the themes from the Manifesto and from the human development goals of the United Nations that are most relevant to their communities.

After all the Games around the world have taken place, PSNI will prepare the Report on the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth, and the Certificate of Participation. The Report and Certificate of Participation will be made on behalf of the participants all over the world so that children and youth know that their signatures on the Manifesto and their efforts for peace and global friendship are recognized, and that their voices have been heard and can make a difference for the future.

In order to prepare the Report and the Certificate, a brief report from EACH participating organization about the Games that were held at their site must be submitted. The report should identify the site by location and country, state the number of signatures obtained on the Manifesto, the number of participating children and youth, the names of other local organizations that participated, and give a brief overview description of the event. It can be in the local language or in English. For examples of reports in previous years, please refer to the 2016 Report at <http://www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org/GPG16/2016GPGreport.pdf>.

The reports from the participating organizations and sites should be brief and concise and if possible, contain a few digital pictures in jpeg format. This report must be received NO LATER THAN December 1, 2017 to be included in the Report on the Games and on the Certificate of Participation.

The report and jpeg pictures should be sent electronically to psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org by December 1, 2017. Pictures and reports can be sent by regular mail but must also be received by this date. The mailing address is PLAY SOCCER, 601 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08638.

Please note that the Manifesto with the signatures does not need to be sent. Many sites retain and display it within the community. Only the information about the number of signatures as described above should be included in the report.

The Report on the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth and the Certificate of Participation will be electronically distributed and available to participating organizations and individuals.

You are encouraged to seek publicity for the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth through the international media. PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International and its cooperating partners encourage, but are not responsible for, media coverage at the local level. The intent of publicity is to spotlight the advocacy and alliance of children and youth across nations and cultures. As such assistance from participating organizations to develop such global publicity is welcome, please share it on behalf of the Games and send it to the psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org address.

Please direct any further questions regarding the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth to psni@playsoccer-nonprofit.org.